GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:234
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
FUNCTIONING OF ADVISORY COUNCILS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether formation of Advisory Councils for VAMBAY and Nirmal Bharat Yojana at State level has started functioning;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether any decision has been taken to form such committees to strengthen the implementation of VAMBAY and Nirmal Bharat Yojana;

(d): if so, the guidelines thereof;

(e): the duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Councils;

(f): whether the Maharashtra Committee has been formed;

(g): if not, whether any time frame has been given in this regard;
(h): if so, the details thereof;
(i): the competent authority for appointing these councils; and
(j): the action plan for implementation of the schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)to(e): There are no Advisory Councils for VAMBAY and Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan at State level. However, an order to constitute a State Level Coordination committee for each State/UT to monitor the implementation of projects under VAMBAY under the chairmanship of a Member of Parliament with specific functions on the basis of the guidelines laid down by the Central Government has been issued to all States/UTs. A copy of the order dated 3rd June 2002 is annexed.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): No, Sir.

(h): Does not arise.

(i): Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is competent to constitute such councils.

(j): Since VAMBAY is a demand driven scheme to be implemented by the State Governments/UTs, it is the responsibility of the State Government/UT to formulate an action plan to implement the scheme.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.234 FOR 16.07.2002

No. O-11011/24/002-VAM
Government of India
Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation

(Department of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation)

Dated the 3rd June, 2002

ORDER

Sub: Formation of State Level Coordination Committee to Monitor the implementation of projects under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana.

Valmiki Ambekdar Awas Yojana which has been recently launched by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty alleviation envisages a central subsidy of 50% with a matching share of the State Governments/Union Territories for the projects involving construction/upgradation of shelter and construction of community toilets for slum dwellers. In view of the importance of the scheme, it has ben decided that a State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) will be constituted for each State/UT under the chairmanship of a Member of Parliament from the State/Union Territory concerned to be nominated by the Central Government with the following composition:-

1. A Member of Parliament from the State/UT (to be nominated by the Central Government) - Chairman.

2. Secretary to the State Government/UT dealing with Housing/Urban Development/LSG/Water Supply & sanitation and such other officers as may be nominated by the State Government/UT- (Members)

3. Upto Two officers of Government of India to be nominated by this Ministry - (Members)

4. Regional Chief of HUDCO - (Member).

5. Central/State Govt./UT may nominate upto 5 members each representing MLAs/Social Workers/NGOs/Urban Local Bodies etc.

6. An officer of the State Government to be nominated as Member Secretary.

FUNCTIONS OF STATE LEVEL COORDINATION COMMITTEE:

The State Level Coordination Committee may, inter-alia, look into the following aspects:

(a) Progress of implementation of VAMBAY.

(b) Progress of implementation of Nirmal Bharat abhiyan.

(c) Encouragement of role of NGOs/CBOs especially in sustaining maintenance of the community toilets.

(d) Quality of constructions, transparency and speedy implementation of the schemes.

(e) Any other issue that may be referred to it by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation (Dept. of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation).

The State Level Coordination Committee will function on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. The State Level Coordination Committee may meet as frequently as necessary to facilitate meaningful monitoring of implementation of the scheme.

2. The meeting of the committee will be held on such date and time as may be fixed by the Chairman.

3. Agenda for the meeting duly approved by the Chairman will be circulated at least 10 days in advance and the minutes of the meeting of the committee shall be issued after approval by Chairman.

4. For the purpose of quorum there should be at least one third of the members of the committee.

5. Meetings may normally be held at the Headquarters of State/UT. However, the committee may inspect construction sites when complaints about quality, eligibility of beneficiaries etc. are received by it.

6. Minutes of the meeting as well as sepcial report if any, should be sent to the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty alleviation by the Member Secretary within fifteen days of holding the meeting.

OFFICIAL FACILITIES:

Member Secretary of the Committee shall provide office facilities and secretarial assistance for the purpose of holding the meeting and for the purpose of field visit.

Expenditure of the committee shall be borne by HUDCO and a separate account shall be maintained by them for the purpose.

Sd/- 03.06.2002

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